

ABSOLUTE RATING: **Excellent**
IMPROVEMENT RATING: **Excellent**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 12. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	73.9	73.0	79.0	82.0	85.7	86.7
• Passed 2 subtests	13.9	16.9	13.4	11.5	8.8	7.9
• Passed 1 subtest	8.7	6.9	6.5	4.6	3.8	3.5
• Passed no subtests	3.5	3.2	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.8

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	29.3%	44.0%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	31.4%	47.0%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	49.7%	63.0%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	95.5%	29.3%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	75.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	96.0%	31.2%	
Gender			
Male	94.8%	25.7%	
Female	96.0%	32.3%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	92.5%	14.2%	
Hispanic	90.0%	16.7%	
White	97.8%	39.5%	
Other	100.0%	83.3%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	100.0%	5.4%	
Pay for lunch	95.1%	32.2%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	0.0%
Completers placed	97.3%
Eligible students enrolled	4.1%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,367	N/A	\$4,974	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	92.9%	Up from 91.0%	91.8%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	29.2 to 1	N/A	26.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,851)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	44.4%	N/A	75.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.3%	96.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	10.0%	Up from 6.8%	5.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=122)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.3 Days	Down from 7.7	7.9 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.5%	Up from 97.1%	96.3%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	66.4%	Up from 64.3%	65.0%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	75.4%	Down from 86.7%	86.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0.8%	Up from 0.0%	0.9%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.7%	Down from 85.8%	86.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,182	Up 1.7%	\$40,117	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.8%	Down from 2.3%	1.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	50.3%	N/A	56.7%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	6.5	N/A	6.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	81.8%	N/A	53.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	2.5%	Down from 4.9%	3.5%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	43	N/A	37	29
• Gifted and talented	14.5%	Up from 7.3%	14.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.5%	Up from 8.7%	6.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.6%	N/A	0.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	75	N/A	466	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	33.2%	N/A	30.5%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

In 2000-2001, its sixth year, Ridge View High School has continued to address the challenge of rapid growth in our community. Ridge View has responded to continued growth and student needs by establishing schools-within-a-school (SWS) to personalize instruction around student interests and needs. We currently have four SWS: Honors School which targets highly motivated, achievement-oriented students; AVID School, which incorporates principles of the Achievement Via Individual Determination program, challenges and encourages students toward college preparation; e-School, which utilizes technology-based instruction with laptops, wireless labs, and websites; and School for the Arts which offers visual arts, music, drama, dance, and creative writing. We have planned a fifth school, Academy for Comprehensive Technology (ACT) next year which will focus on skills leading toward engineering technology. Our school also offers a Career Prep program, with mastery of employment-focused competencies leading toward a district diploma. Parents, students, and staff have planned for additional strategies to provide academic skills, mentoring, and tutoring opportunities.

Ridge View was excited to add dance instruction this year, and our school was the only high school site for the "Arts are Basic Curriculum" grant. Ridge View was named one of the Top 100 Wired Schools in America by PC Magazine and has been recognized as a School of Promise. Our principal, Dr. Sharon Buddin, was honored as the MetLife High School Principal of the Year for South Carolina. Ridge View has 12 students currently involved in the initial stages of the process for National Merit, National Hispanic, and National Achievement recognition. We had 6 Palmetto Fellows as well as a strong number of students admitted to Governor's School for the Arts and for Math and Science. We are proud of our 90 percent of students who passed reading and math exit exam on the first attempt and our steady math gains on the MAT-7. We continue to focus on successful transition of students from middle to high school and improvement of our test scores. Our boys' soccer team won the Lower State championship and was ranked #1 in the nation by the Adidas poll for part of the season. The #1 player on our girls' tennis team was also ranked first in the state. Ridge View continues work toward personalizing learning and celebrates the academic, artistic, athletic, and social aspects that enhance the development of well-rounded young adults.

Sharon L. Buddin, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	87.9	62.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	91.5	67.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	86.5	80.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,851 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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